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1. The size of the airfield south of YEREVAN (44°30'E/40°11'N) (Transcaucasus MD), west of the railroad line, was estimated at 6,600 x 10,000 feet.
2. Five or six corrugated sheet metal hangars and three stationary railroad water tanks, each 25 feet high and about 23 feet in diameter, were located at the airfield.
3. The field was occupied by:
 - a. Thirty to forty fighters with noticeably pointed spinner.
 - b. Biplanes with which local flying was done. Individual parachute jumps were also observed.
 - b. Twin-engine aircraft. Seven-men groups jumped from those planes at an altitude of about 3,300 feet.
4. Not more than five or six aircraft were observed in the air at a time.
5. A tower about 140 feet high (steel or wood grid structure) was located in the vicinity of the airfield. According to Soviet civilians, parachuting was done from this tower.

Comment:

- a. This report, which covers a relatively old period of observation, generally agrees with reports of 1948 as to the location and occupation of the YEREVAN airfield. A fighter regiment is assumed to be stationed there. The observed fighter type of which only the pointed spinner was stated cannot be identified.

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b. From the observed biplanes and twin-engine aircraft from which parachuting was practiced it is inferred that a pilot school, probably a parachute training school, was stationed at the airfield.

c. This report substantiates a previous report according to which a parachute regiment was transferred from YAKOVAN to LEPAJA-GROBINA. *

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